Illinois

MERIDIAN CUSD 223

2015 Farm to School Census Responses

The responses for this district are shown below. Please note this is self-reported data and may conflict with other data sources.

Participation

Did your district or any schools in your district participate in farm to school activities during the 2013-2014 school year?

- **Yes, doing farm to school in 2013-2014 school year**

All possible answers

- Yes, doing farm to school in 2013-2014 school year
- No, but started farm to school in 2014-2015 school year
- No, but plan to start farm to school in the future
- No farm to school activities currently and no plans for the future.

To the best of your knowledge, approximately how many schools within the district participated in any farm to school activities during the 2013-2014 school year?

- **2**

During the 2013-2014 school year, what age groups participated in farm to school activities?

- **Grades K-5 participated in farm to school activities.**

All possible answers

- Pre-K participated in farm to school activities.
- Grades K-5 participated in farm to school activities.
- Grades 6-8 participated in farm to school activities.
- Grades 9-12 participated in farm to school activities.

Are you participating in the Child and Adult Care food program (CACFP)?

- **No**

All possible answers

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Local

How does your district define "local" as it relates to your food procurement?

- **Produced within the state**

All possible answers

- Same city/county
- Produced within a 50 mile radius
- Produced within a 100 mile radius
- Produced within a 200 mile radius
- Produced within a day's drive
- Produced within the state
- Produced within the region
- Geographic along with other restrictions

Please indicate if your district or any schools in your district purchased any of the following foods - IN ANY FORM - from local growers/producers/processers/manufacturers during the 2013-2014 school year or would like to in the future?

- ***Fruit:* Yes**
- ***Vegetables:* Yes**
- ***Fluid milk:* Not now, but would like to in the future**
- ***Other dairy:* Not now, but would like to in the future**
- ***Meat/poultry:* Not now, but would like to in the future**
- ***Eggs:* Not now, but would like to in the future**
- ***Seafood:* Not now, but would like to in the future**
- ***Plant-based protein items such as beans, seeds, and nuts:* Not now, but would like to in the future**
- ***Grains and flour:* Not now, but would like to in the future**
- ***Bakery products:* Not now, but would like to in the future**
- ***Herbs:* Not now, but would like to in the future**
- ***Other food:* Not now, but would like to in the future**

All possible answers

- Yes
- No
- Not now, but would like to in the future
- I don't know

Please list the top 5 SPECIFIC food items (e.g. apples, chicken drumsticks) your school district purchased locally in the 2013-2014 school year based on VALUE.

- **APPLES**
- **BEAN BEANS**

On average, about how frequently do your district's meals or snacks include at least one locally sourced food item from the categories below?

- ***Fruit:* Occasionally**
- ***Vegetables:* Never**
- ***Fluid milk:* Never**
- ***Other dairy:* Never**
- ***Meat/poultry:* Never**
- ***Eggs:* Never**
- ***Seafood:* Never**
- ***Plant-based protein items such as beans, seeds, and nuts:* Never**
- ***Grains and flour:* Never**
- ***Bakery products:* Never**
- ***Herbs:* Never**
- ***Other food:* Never**

All possible answers

- Daily
- More than weekly
- Weekly
- More than monthly
- Monthly
- Occasionally
- Never

For the 2013-2014 school year, please indicate whether your district obtained local foods directly from the following sources.

- **Obtains local food direct from food processors and manufacturers**

All possible answers

- Obtains local food direct from individual food producers (i.e. farmers, fishers, ranchers)
- Obtains local food direct from farmer, rancher, or fisher cooperatives
- Obtains local food direct from farmers markets
- Obtains local food via a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) model
- Obtains local food direct from food processors and manufacturers

For the 2013-2014 school year, please indicate whether your district obtained local foods from any of the following intermediary sources.

- **Obtains local food from distributors**

All possible answers

- Obtains local food from distributors
- Obtains local food from food buying cooperative
- Obtains local food from food hub
- Obtains local food from food service management companies
- Obtains local food from DoD Fresh Program vendors
- Obtains local food from USDA foods
- Obtains local food from State Farm to School program office

Activities

To the best of your knowledge, approximately how many schools had edible school gardens during the 2013-2014 school year?

- **1**

To the best of your knowledge, approximately how many schools had salad bars during the 2013-2014 school year?

- **1**

Can't find your district?

It's because USDA does not have a record for your school district.